

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F, 1G, 2, 3, 4, and 5. These sheets, which include Figures 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F, 1G, 2, 3, 4, and 5, replace the original sheets including Figures 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F, 1G, 2, 3, 4, and 5. In Figures 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F, 1G, 2, 3, 4, and 5, the following changes have been made:

(1) the Character of Lines, Numbers, & Letters have been corrected in accordance with 37 CFR 1.84(l); and

(2) the Numbers, Letters, & Reference Characters have been corrected in accordance with 37 CFR 1.84(p).

Attachments: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Cancelled Claims

Claims 1-7, 11-23, and 27-35 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

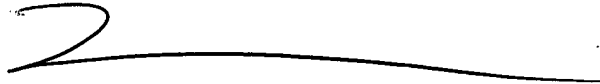
5 By the Office Action dated May 3, 2006, the Examiner objected to claims 8-10 and 24-26 "as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." (See Office Action, page 6, paragraph 5.) Claims 8-10 and 24-26 have been amended to include all of the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims.

10 **Conclusion**

It is therefore clear that the drawings and claims 8-10 and 24-26 comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103, and 112. The application is therefore in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is respectfully solicited.

15 In the event that any issue remains unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 408-927-3377.

Respectfully Submitted,



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